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Indianapolis chiropractor faces charges for illegal distribution of controlled substances

(Indianapolis, Ind.) Marion County Prosecutor Terry Curry announced today that charges have been filed against Dr. Pynkerton Newton, D.C., for dealing controlled substances and obtaining those controlled substances fraudulently. Newton has been charged with two counts of Dealing in a Schedule IV Controlled Substance (C Felony), one count of Obtaining a Controlled Substance by Fraud (Class D Felony) and one count of Possessing a Controlled Substance (Class D Felony). The charges are a result of an investigation by the Indiana State Police and the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) in response to complaints filed with the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency.

According to the probable cause affidavit, Newton offered a weight loss program through his chiropractic office located on the northeast side of Indianapolis. Newton provided medications and B-12 injections to a confidential source on multiple occasions for weight loss treatments. A review of DEA registrations revealed that Dr. Newton is not licensed with the DEA and is not authorized to administer or prescribe controlled substances to patients. Newton allegedly purchased and received the controlled substances by using a former medical colleague's personal information.

According to Indiana statute, a chiropractor's scope is limited and does not include prescription or administration of controlled substances or injections.

An initial hearing is set for January 16 in criminal court 20.

A charge of a crime is merely an accusation, and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.